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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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## Today

- Enhanced risk of severe storms over the Panhandles this afternoon; large hail is the greatest threat, but damaging winds and an isolated tornado is possible.
- Elevated to critical fire weather conditions across much of NM and into W TX.

## Tuesday

- Slight risk of severe storms over N-Central OK; large hail, damaging winds and isolated tornadoes all possible.
- Elevated fire weather conditions possible over S & Central NM as well as W TX.

## Wednesday

- A few strong to severe storms possible over NE NM and the OK Panhandle; hail and damaging winds will be the main threats.

## Thursday - Friday

- Elevated to critical fire weather conditions possible over NM each day.

## Tropical Outlook


- Subtropical Storm Alberto is expected to make landfall over the W FL Panhandle today; all impacts remain east of Region 6.







# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

May 28, 2018 – June 1, 2018



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| DAY / THREAT                |  | TUE                 | WED                 | THU       | FRI            |
|-----------------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Severe Storms               | ETX/OK Panhandles  | N-Central OK        | NE NM, OK Panhandle |           |                |
|                             | Panhandles, NW OK  |                     |                     |           |                |
| Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding |  |                     |                     |           |                |
| Fire Weather                | NM, WTX  | Central & S NM, WTX |                     | W & NW NM | N & Central NM |
| Tropical Weather            |  |                     |                     |           |                |
| River Flooding              |  |                     |                     |           |                |

|  |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
|  | No Weather Threats Expected       |
|  | Very Common – Happens Often       |
|  | Common – Happens Frequently       |
|  | Uncommon – A Few Times a Year     |
|  | Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years       |
|  | Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years |

*\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria.  
State or local threat level criteria may differ.\*  
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*

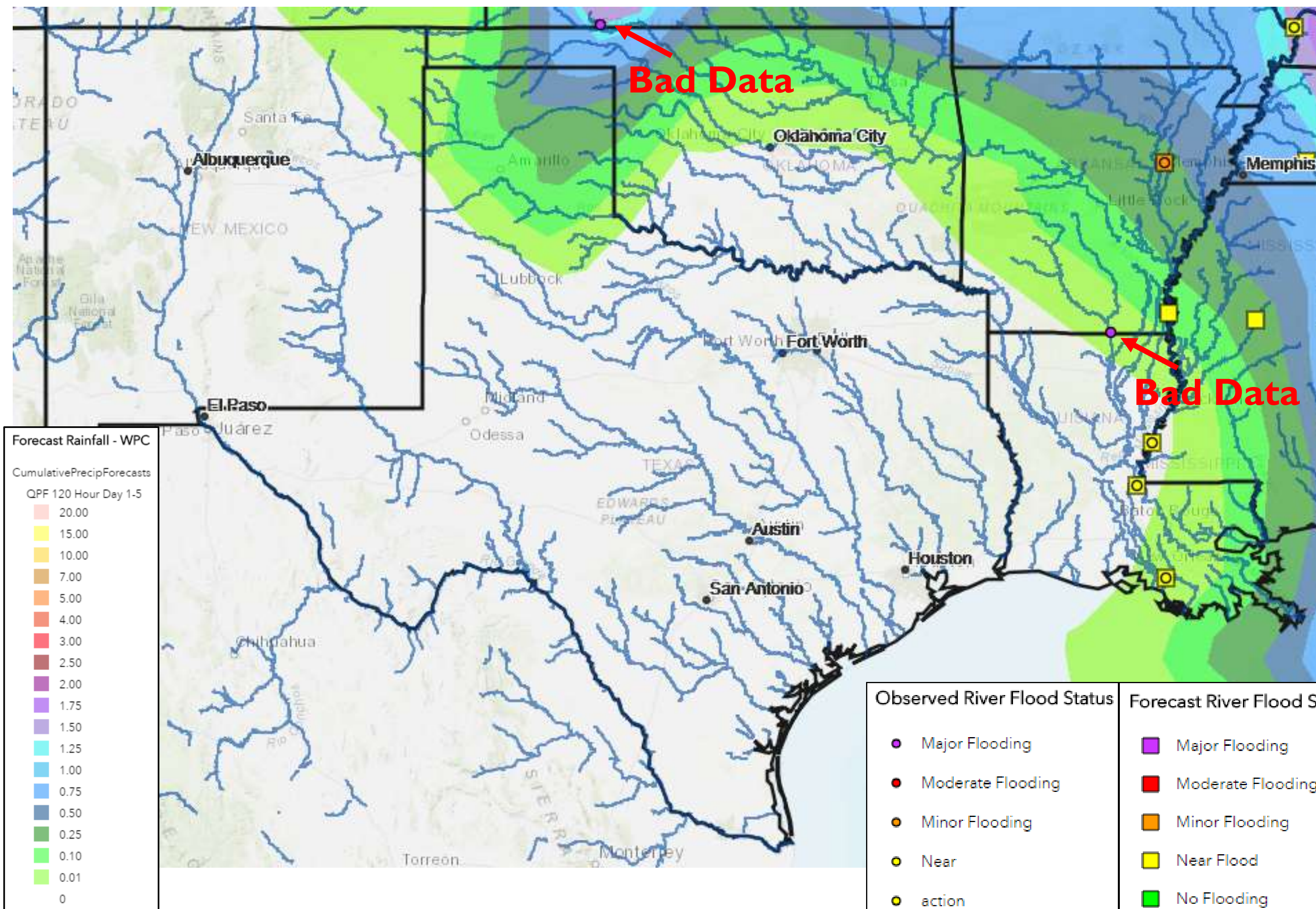


# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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*Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall*



Minor flooding from planned releases continues on the Cache River in AR.

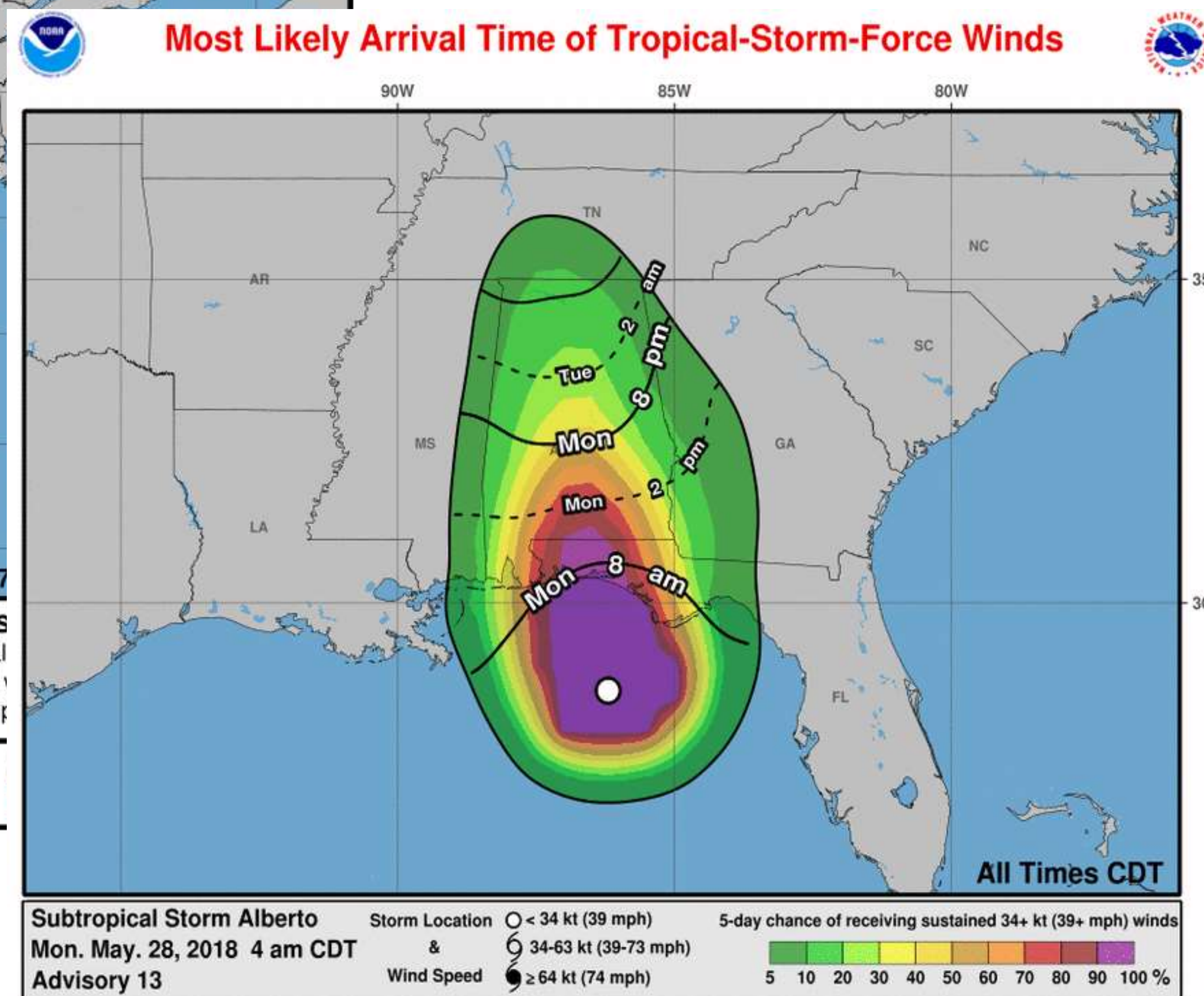
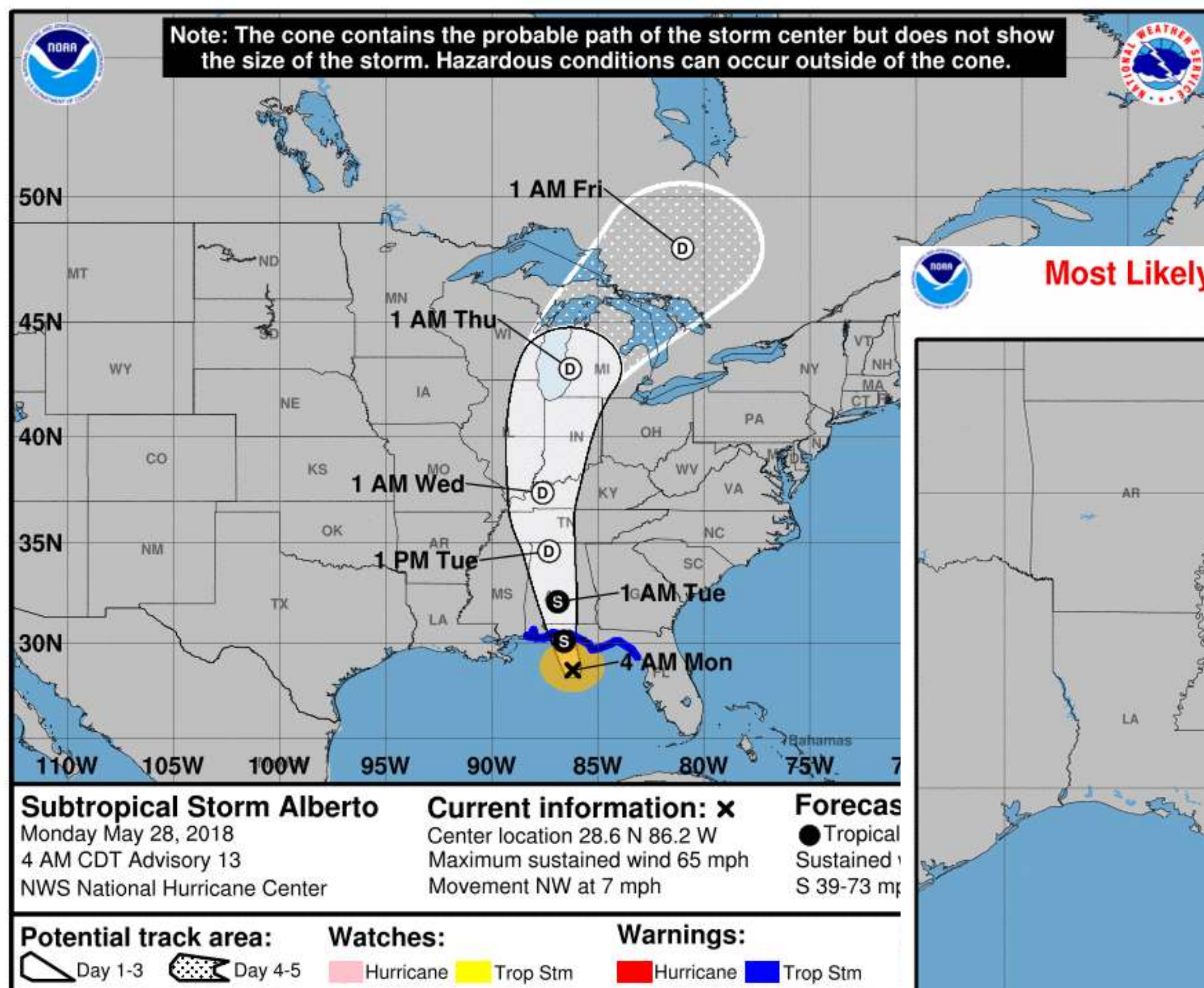
Additional river flooding is not expected in the next five days.



# Subtropical Storm Alberto



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**Alberto is holding its strength this morning. Little change in strength is expected before landfall later today, and the center is expected to reach the FL Panhandle coast this afternoon.**

**After landfall, steady weakening is expected over the next few days.**

**Heavy rainfall/flooding continues to be the primary impact with Alberto, with the highest threat being over the central FL Panhandle up through SE AL.**

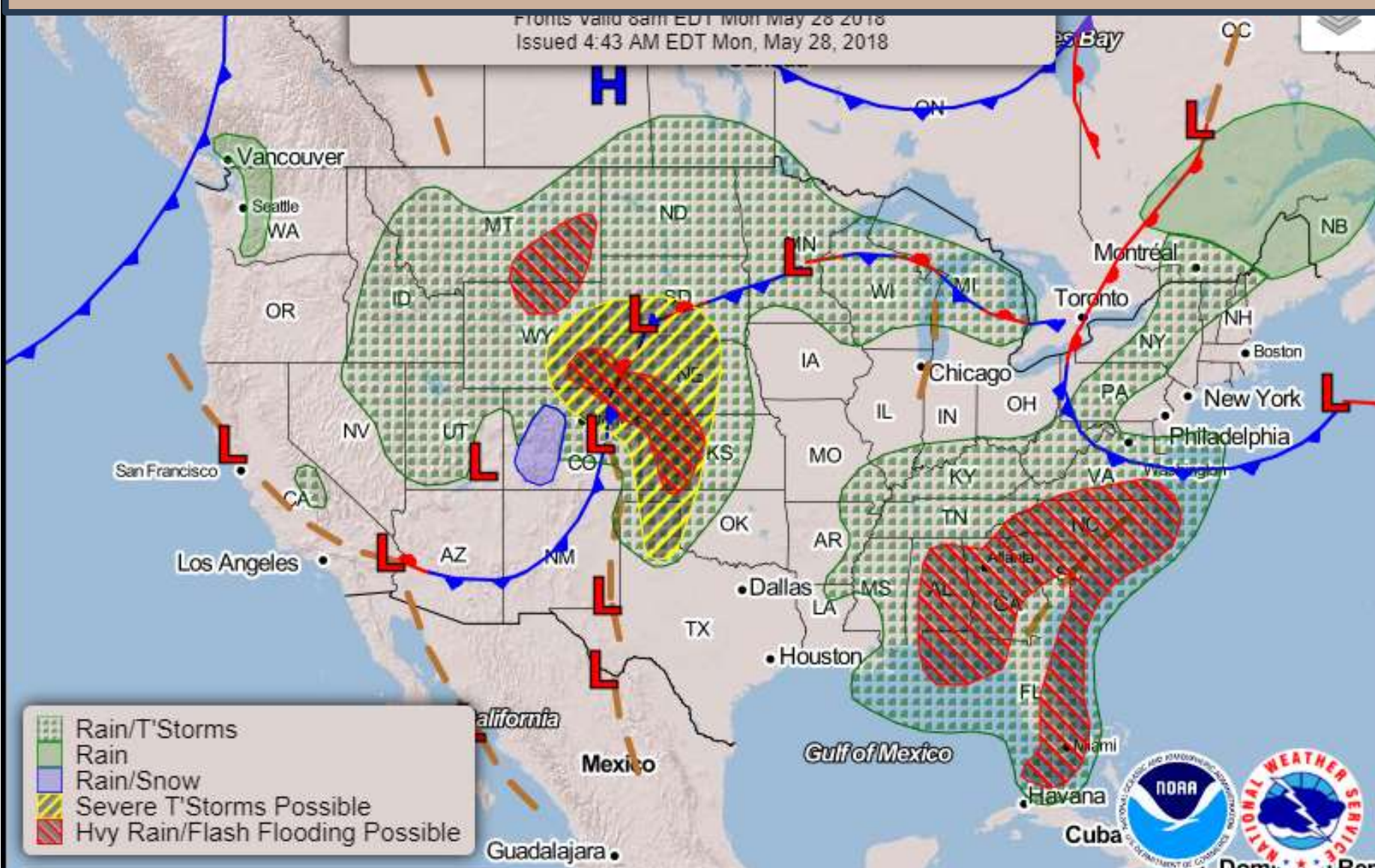


# Today's Weather



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## Forecast Chart



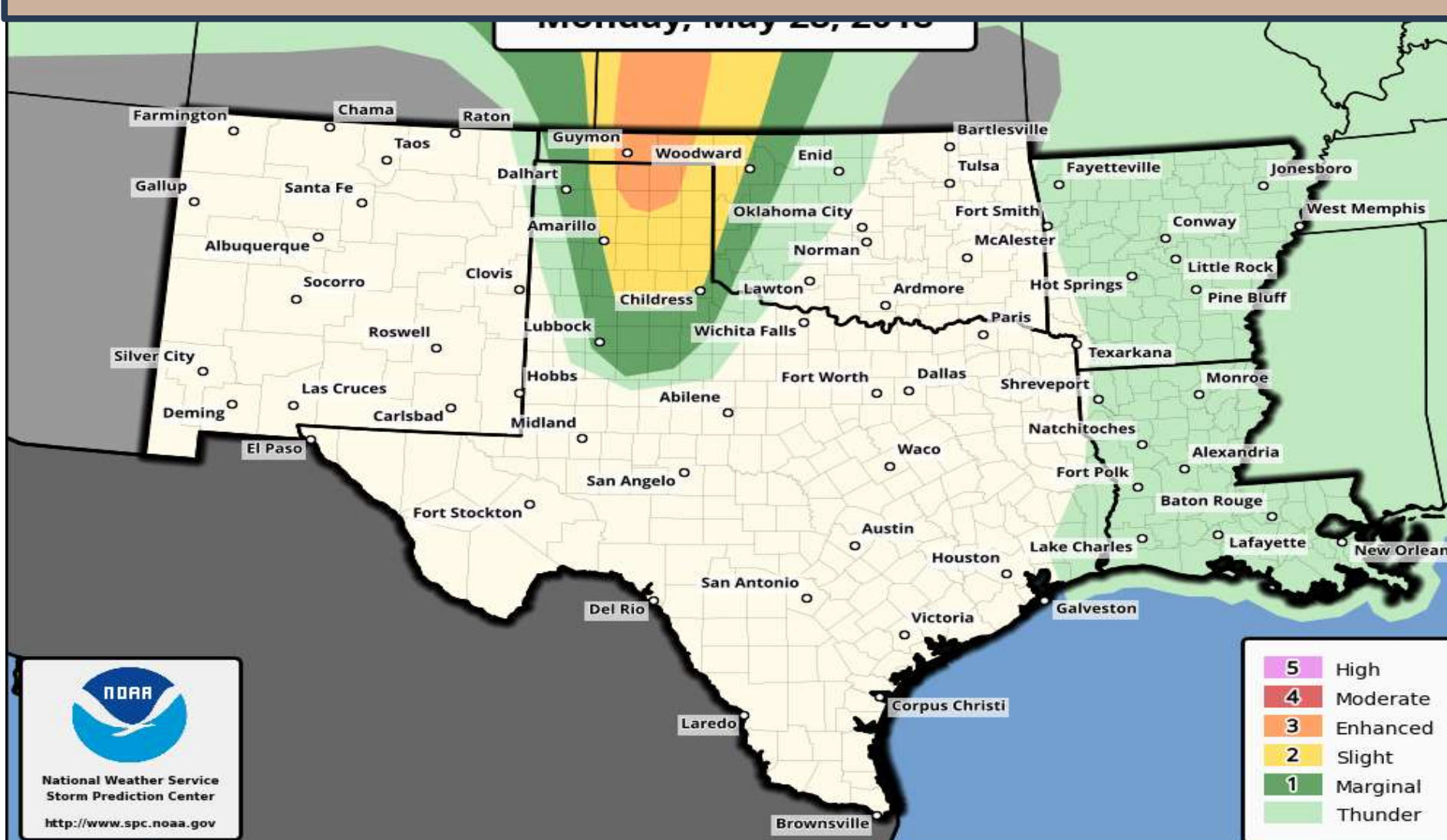
## Forecast Rainfall



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**Elevated to critical fire weather conditions across much of NM and into W TX.**

## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook

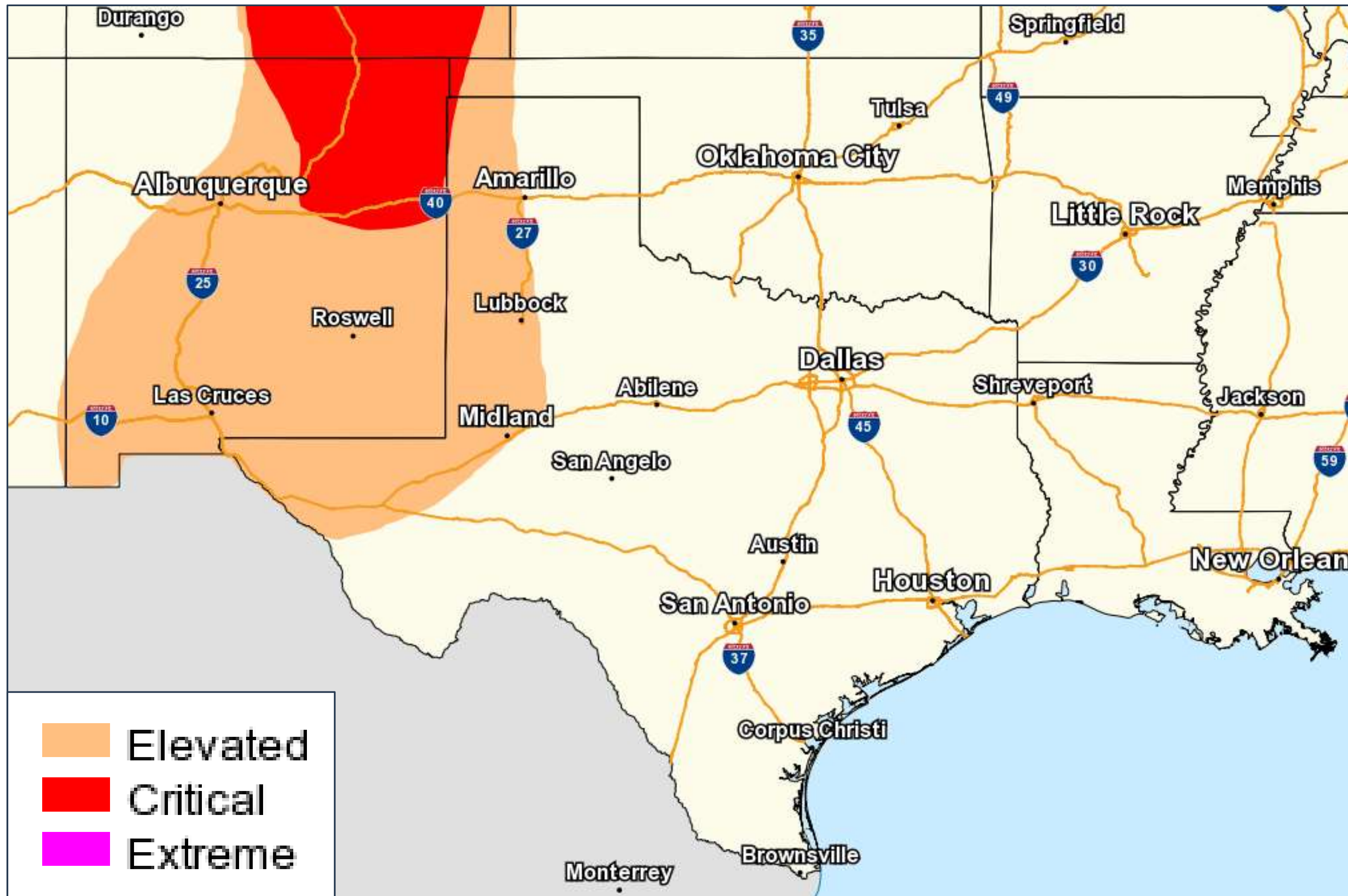




# Today's Fire Weather Outlook



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**Elevated to critical fire weather conditions across much of NM and into WTX.**



# Tomorrow's Weather



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## Forecast Chart

## Forecast Rainfall

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## Severe Weather Outlook

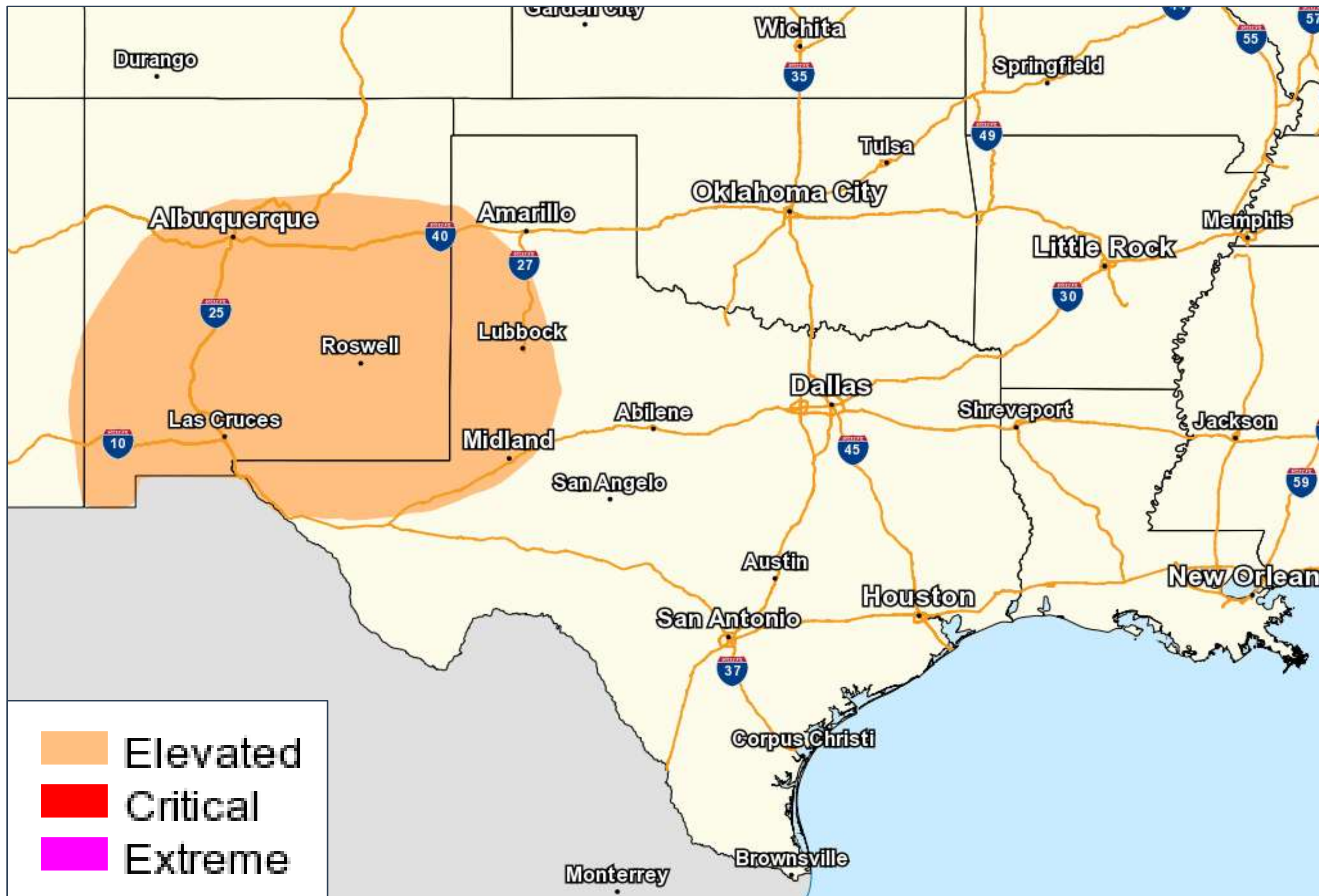
## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



# Tomorrow's Fire Weather Outlook



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**Elevated fire weather conditions possible over Central & S NM as well as W TX.**

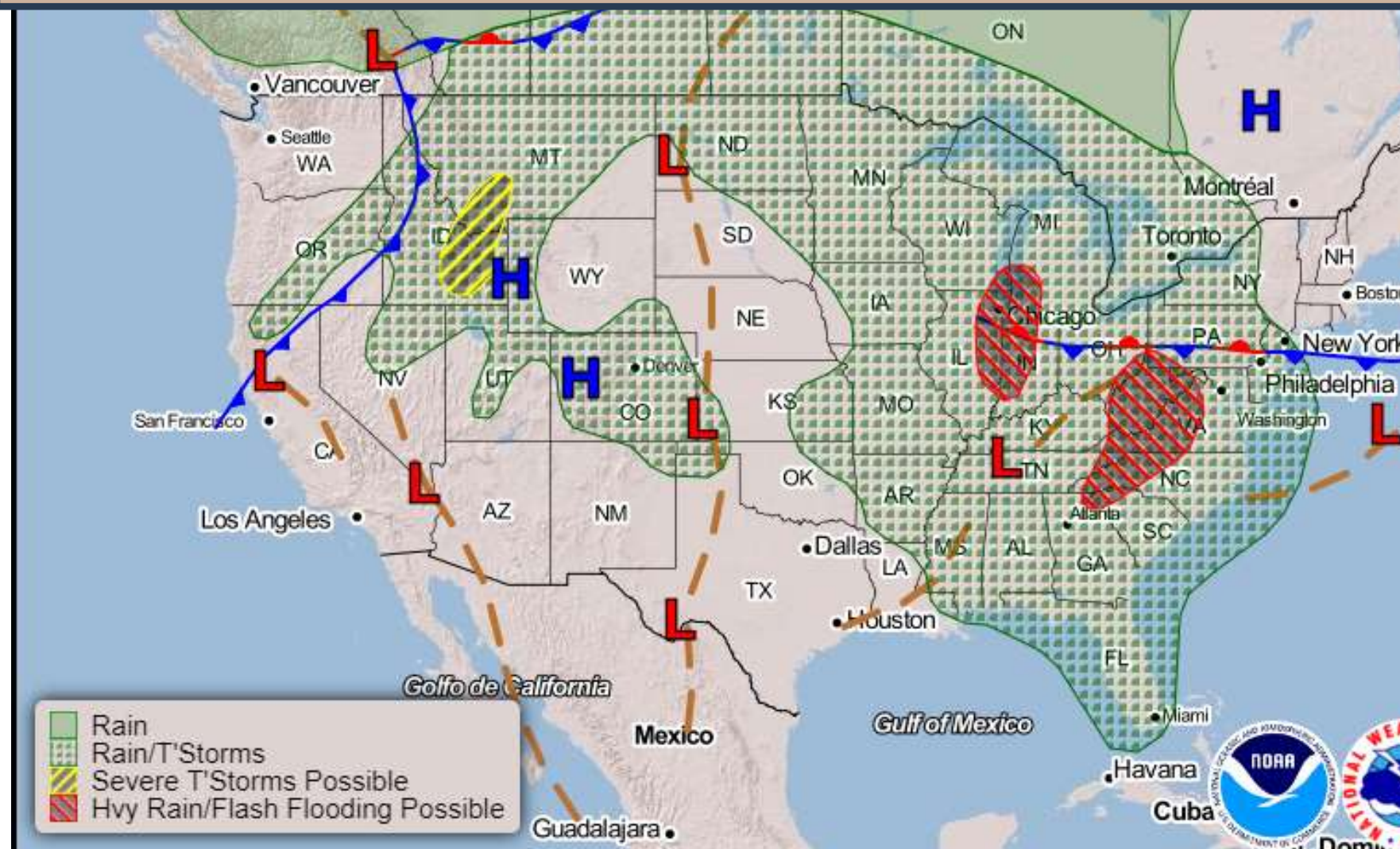


# Wednesday's Weather



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## Forecast Chart

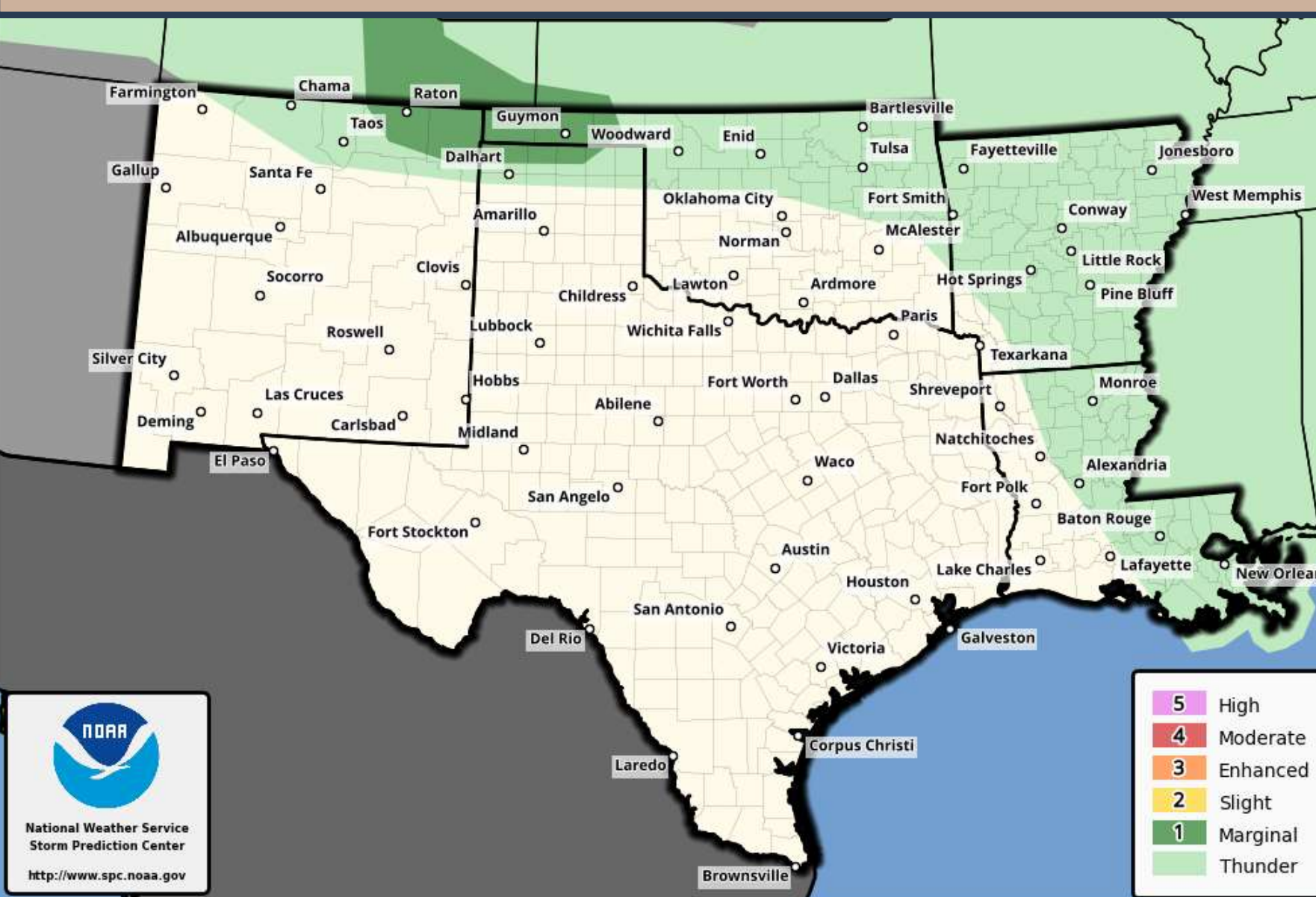


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A few strong to severe storms possible over NE NM and the OK Panhandle; hail and damaging winds will be the main threats.

## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



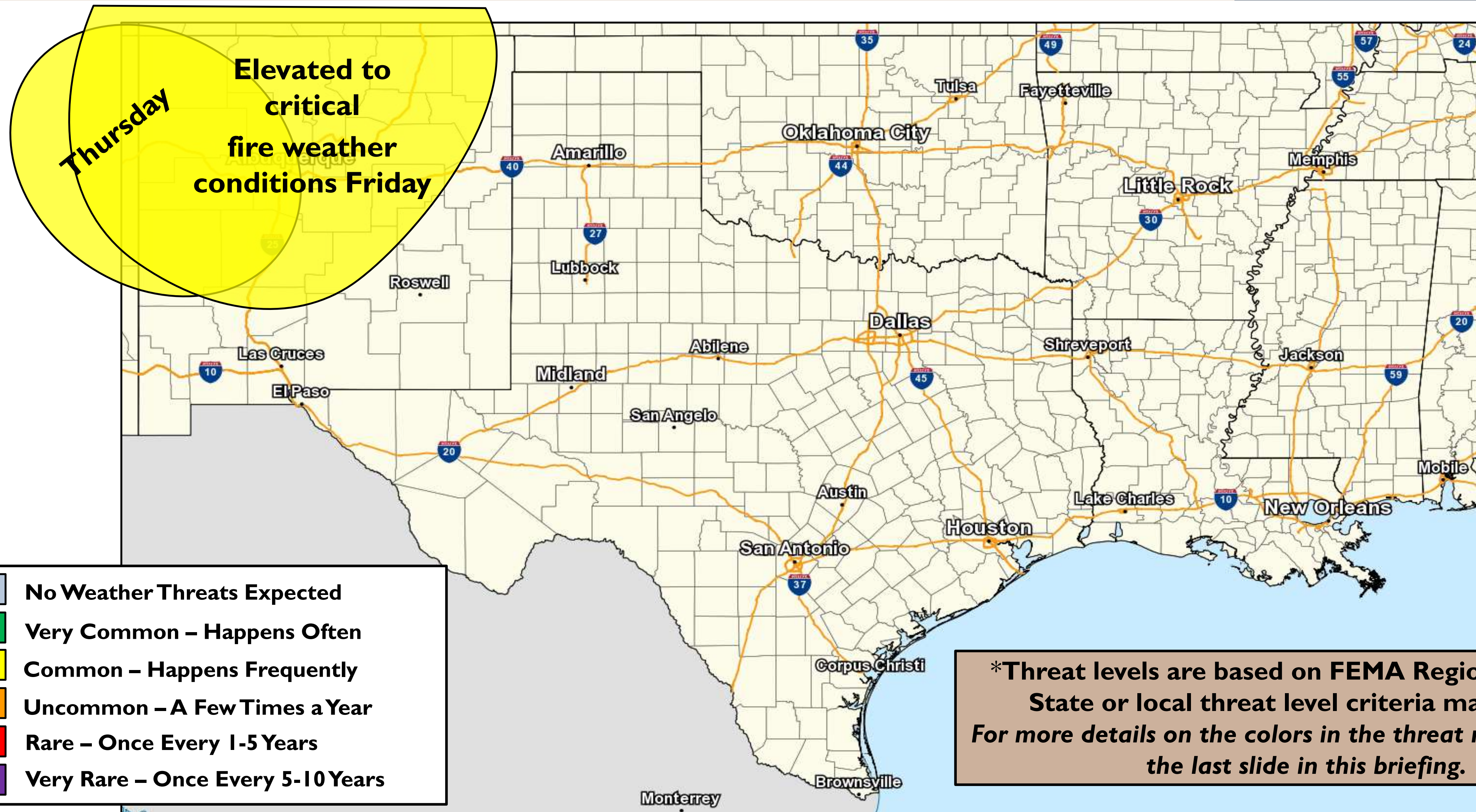


# Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Thursday - Friday



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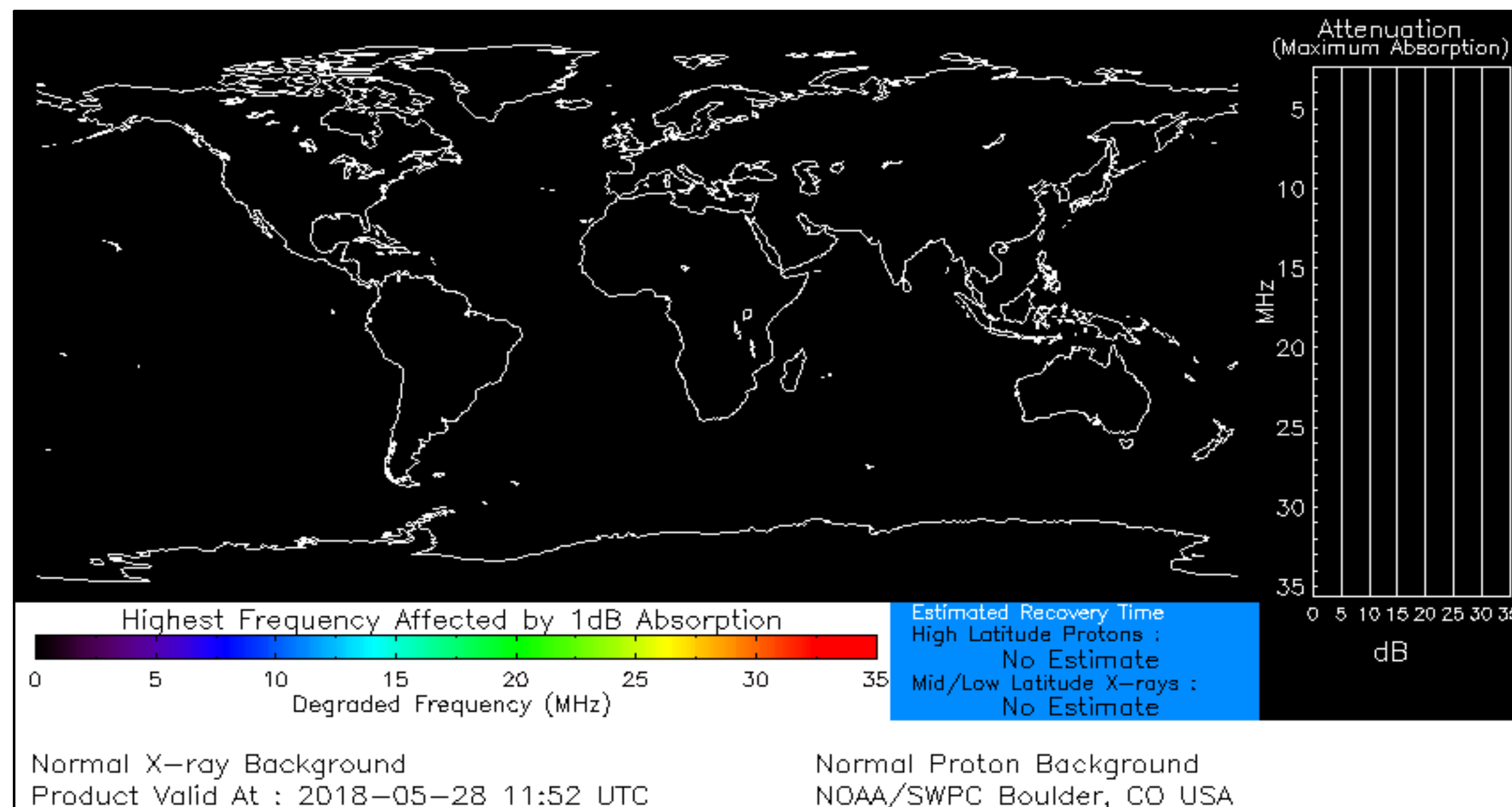


# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



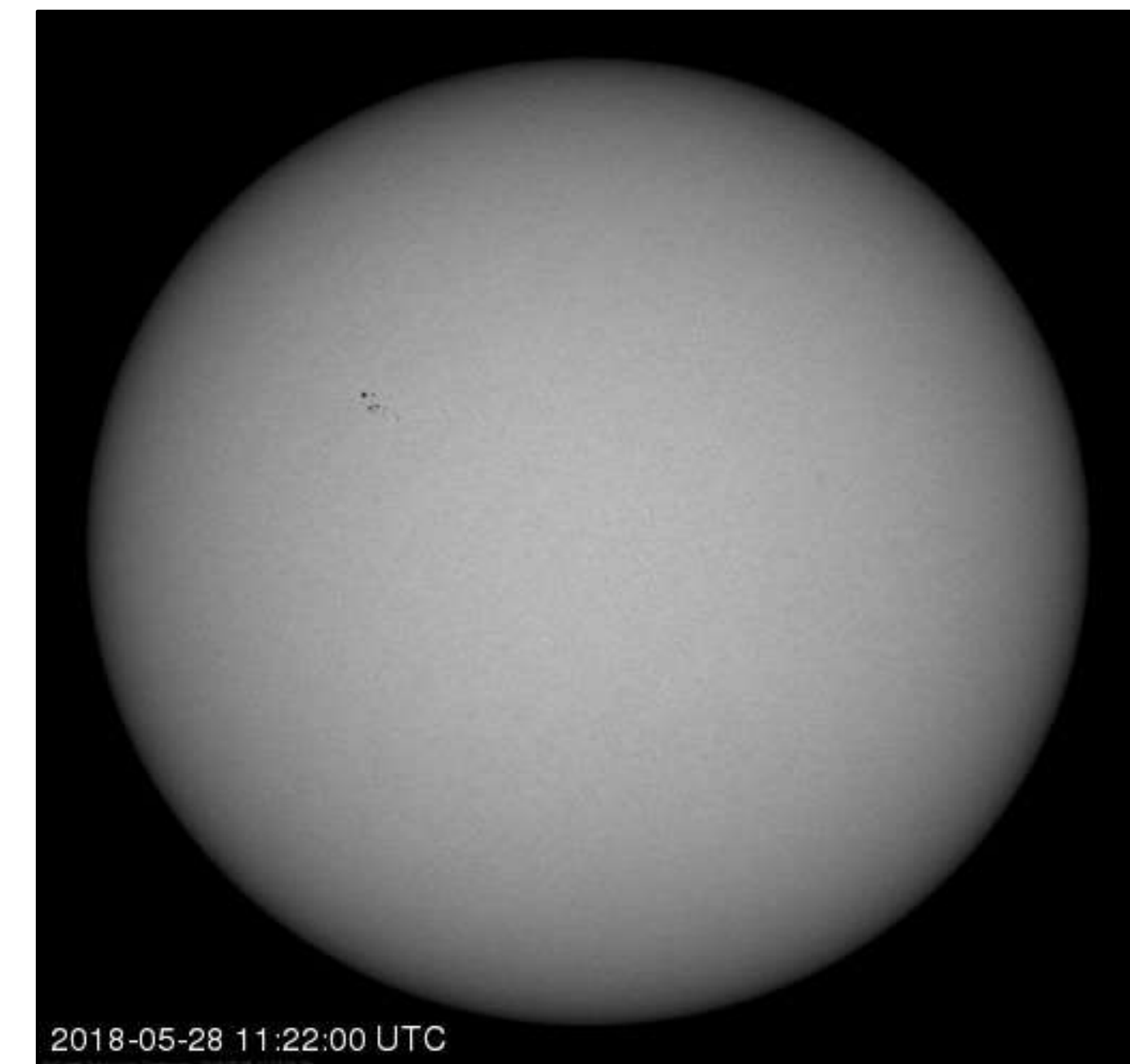
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|                                  | Monday                             | Tuesday                            | Wednesday             |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Geomagnetic Storms               | Quiet to Unsettled<br>(Max Kp = 3) | Quiet to Unsettled<br>(Max Kp = 3) | Quiet<br>(Max Kp = 2) |
| Solar Radiation Storm<br>(S1-S5) | 1%                                 | 1%                                 | 1%                    |
| Radio Blackout (R1-R2)           | 1%                                 | 1%                                 | 1%                    |
| Radio Blackout (R3-R5)           | 1%                                 | 1%                                 | 1%                    |



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3-Day Space Weather  
Forecast Text](#)







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| Weather “Threat” Matrix |  |   |  |
|-------------------------|--|---|--|
| Color                   | Definition   | Criteria  | Example(s)   |
| Green                   | <b>Very Common</b><br>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property<br>Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines   | Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC<br>Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas<br>Tropical: None<br>Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees</li> <li>Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>   |
| Yellow                  | <b>Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently</b><br>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property<br>Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life  | Severe: Slight Risk from SPC<br>Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas<br>Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline<br>Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail</li> </ul>   |
| Orange                  | <b>Uncommon – A Few Times a Year</b><br>Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable<br>Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life                                     | Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC<br>Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas<br>Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline<br>Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely</li> <li>Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail</li> <li>Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected</li> </ul> |
| Red                     | <b>Rare – Once every 1-5 Years</b><br>Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed<br>Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life                            | Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC<br>Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations)<br>Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline<br>Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days</li> <li>Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail</li> <li>Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue</li> </ul>                                    |
| Purple                  | <b>Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years</b><br>Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed<br>Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life | Severe: High Risk from SPC<br>Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations)<br>Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline<br>Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow</li> <li>Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms</li> </ul>  |

**Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to**

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